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SUBJ :INFORMATION SECRETARY RHOODIE COMMENTS ON  
EASUM'S PRESS INTERVIEW WITH OWEN

REF : PRETORIA 5417

1. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS DECEMBER 29, SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION DR. ESCHER RHOODIE, CONFIRMED THAT MININFORMATION CONNIE MULDER HAD SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD WARNING HIM AGAINST SOVIET INTEREST IN MOZAMBIQUE PORT IN NACALA. RHOODIE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MULDER HAD RECEIVED REPLY, BUT HE REFUSED TO REVEAL EITHER CONTENT OF REPLY OR MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS CONVEYED TO MULDER.

2. ACCORDING TO CAPE TIMES, RHOODIE EMPHASIZED HE WOULD NOT HAVE CONFIRMED THAT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TOOK PLACE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE 'EXTREMELY UNDIPLOMATIC AND MALICIOUS ACTIONS OF CERTAIN SOURCES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT' WHO HE ALLEGED HAD LEAKED TO A SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPERMAN, PRESUMABLY OWEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MULDER LETTER. RHOODIE SAID, 'WE DON'T THINK THAT THIS LEAK OF INFORMATION TO A SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS MAN IN WASHINGTON SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND IT IS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT IT HAPPENED'.

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